

STRATHPEFFER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Notes of meeting held on 4 September 2019 at 7:30 pm in Strathpeffer Community Centre

Date:	Tuesday 4 September 2019
Time:	19:30
Location:	Community Centre
Present (members):	Gail Maclean, Ron McAulay, Archie Macnab, Val McGregor, William Deas and Brian Mackenzie
Present (public):	David Genney, Susan Muldoon and Graham Macdonald.
Apologies:	Peter Maclellan
Declaration of interest:	None.
Appointment of Minute Secretary:	Ron McAulay

Agenda items		Actions
1.	Minutes of last meeting: Approved.	None.
2.	Matters arising if not covered elsewhere on agenda: Strathpeffer Sign at east end of village Some minor progress but more still to be done. Otherwise all items were noted as either closed or covered by items on the agenda.	Ron and Walter
3.	Police Report Ron advised that he had contacted PC Chalmers and had been told that he is moving onto other duties. PC Chalmers will try and arrange for another officer to take on the liaison role. In the meantime there is no report available for consideration at this meeting.	-
4.	Update on the Community Park – David Genney David Genney as Chair of the Strathpeffer Residents' Association (SRA) gave a short presentation to the CC on progress with the park. Key points were noted as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good progress been made in the last year. • The SRA has been successful in their application to the Scottish Land Fund and will in 	

	<p>the next few weeks take possession of the land required for the park.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The layout of the proposed park was discussed. The design includes the ‘wow’ factor to attract more people to use it. • There will not be any new parking. Studies have shown that the Community Centre/School parking area will have sufficient space given that the likely timing of people using the park should not coincide with busy times at the school. • The plan is to share facilities with the Community Centre (e.g. toilets). • Planning application will be submitted shortly. • The overall budget will be c.£150k. Funding for the equipment and works is still ongoing. • The paths within the park will be designed to be accessible by all. • The general high level programme is as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ First phase is to get the drainage in place, ○ Second phase is to then create the play park and then, ○ Third phase is to progress the Cycle Pump track. <p>David was thanked for his very informative presentation. The CC confirmed their support for the project.</p>	
5.	<p>Town Centre Fund – Square project</p> <p>Ron updated all on progress with the application to the Town Centre Fund. The revised submission for the Square had been submitted and was considered by the committee considering applications. While relatively positive feedback has been received, no decisions have yet been made. It is clear that there have been a large number of applications and the job of sifting through them is taking time. In a recent communication with the team looking at the applications, Ron was advised that decisions would probably be made by the end of September/beginning of October. The team had also asked Ron for responses to a number of questions. Ron gave a brief description of some of these questions and advised that he would prepare a response once he had spoken to the leader of the team considering the applications.</p> <p>Concerns were expressed about the time being taken to make the decisions to award funds, as the fund requires that the work be carried out (or at least committed to) within the current financial year.</p> <p>The discussion then moved onto the application made by the SRA for the Community Park to the same fund. A suggestion was made that the two applications from the CC and the SRA should be combined into one. Some present thought that such action might work either for or against both applications. Ron agreed to speak to the leader of the team considering the matter and seek his views on combining the applications.</p>	<p>Ron.</p> <p>Ron.</p>
6.	<p>Kinellan Housing Development – feedback from the first community liaison meeting</p> <p>Ron had attended this meeting and provided feedback from the meeting. The key points were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The issue of drainage was discussed at length. The developer maintains that they have designed their system to ensure that the amount of water running off from the site will not exceed that level of run off that exists at present during storms, etc. Simon Hindson from the Planning Dept had advised that the HC would begin work on a flood management study for the village as a whole during 2020. • Following a comprehensive discussion on the issue of the proposed temporary car park on the grass land across the road from the main entrance to the site and the issue of staff having to park on Kinellan Drive, it was agreed that the CC would consider lifting its objection to the planning application for the temporary car park. 	

	<p>Following consultation with the other members of the CC, this has now been done. The developer committed to ensuring that after the first five weeks, during which time a mobile welfare unit and some materials will be stored on the car park site, the main entrance to the main site will have been constructed and thereafter the temporary car park will only have cars and light vans parked on it with no materials being stored on the car park site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The developer has confirmed that they will share with the CC a programme for the entire project. This is expected shortly and will be shared once received. • The mix of houses within the site has changed slightly and this means that a further planning application has had to be submitted. The changes are relatively straightforward. • Finally, the developer advised that members of the community should be encouraged to make contact with the Highland Housing Association if they are interested in renting any of the new houses. • The next meeting will be held on Monday 28/10/19 at 4pm. Ron and Gail will attend. <p>A member of the public present asked how one might get more information on buying one of the houses. Ron agreed to send this person details of who she should contact.</p>	Ron and Gail. Ron.
7.	<p>Advance Notice – Next meeting of CC – representatives of HC flood team to be in attendance</p> <p>Ron advised that through the efforts of Cllr Ian Cockburn, two members of the HC flood team will attend the next meeting of the CC in October. This will provide an opportunity to raise questions about flooding in the village and hopefully hear about future plans to carry out studies to determine what can be done to address these issues.</p>	All.
8.	<p>Speeding through the Village</p> <p>Archie confirmed that he would be applying to the Corriemoille wind farm fund for funds to pay for the cost of installing the power points for these speed lights and also for the Christmas lights. The deadline for applications is 16/9/19.</p> <p>Ron had circulated previously, details of the costs for buying these speed lights. He had subsequently spoken to someone in HC who had confirmed that they would be able to obtain these devices at a cheaper rate. Ron is considering how to raise the funds required to buy two of these lights. One suggestion that was made was to approach the Kinellan Drive housing developer to ask if they might pay for one of these lights as it would assist with reducing the speed of their construction traffic through the village.</p>	Archie and Ron Ron.
9.	<p>Village Community Plan</p> <p>Ron confirmed that the Plan had now been finalised and was available to view on the website – www.strathpeffer.org. At future meetings, discussions will be held on how we move forward and address the actions contained within the plan.</p>	All.
10.	<p>Transport Fund</p> <p>The HC has recently announced its plans to invite applications from groups to seek funding for local community transport schemes. This was discussed by the CC members and it was agreed that Ron and Archie would consider whether or not we can pull together a viable application within the short timescale available. It was noted that this was an issue identified within the Village Plan however, the demands being placed on members at this time means that it may not be possible to get the appropriate information together to submit an application in time.</p>	Archie and Ron.
11.	<p>Strathpeffer.org website</p> <p>A discussion was held on how we might improve the awareness of the revamped website –</p>	

	www.strathpeffer.org . Various options including posting messages about it on Facebook sites were mentioned and all agreed that they would do what they could to get the message out to the community.	All.
12.	Christmas Lights Ron confirmed that he had spoken to Stewart Bruce in HC about providing power points for the additional Christmas lights and the speed lights. Details of costs had been circulated previously. Archie will apply for funds from the Corriemoille fund for the costs involved in providing these power points.	Archie
13.	Telephone Box in the Square It was agreed that we should try and obtain paint for this box from BT and then paint it. Once painted, we could fit it out with a defibrillator unit and possibly a location where leaflets could be made available to tourists.	All
14.	Financial Position of the CC Archie confirmed that there had been no change to the status of the bank account with a balance of £1388.71. Various accounts for the room hire at the Community Centre had been received and Archie undertook to get these paid.	Archie
15.	Any other business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All were reminded that the next meeting of the Corriemoille fund group was scheduled for 11 November 2019 at 7pm. Ron reported on an approach he had received from the HC about installing an electric vehicle charging point in the village. After some discussion the preferred option was to site this charging point in the car park which surrounds the round buildings to the west of the Square. An alternative site was suggested as being in the car park at the station. Ron will advise HC. The issue of cars speeding along the section of road to the east of the village entrance between the village and the turning to Achterneed was raised. It was suggested that the speed limit on this section of road might be reduced to forty. The difficulties involved in doing so were discussed and no clear course of action on reducing this speed limit was agreed. A suggestion was made that we should ask the Police to monitor this section of road for people speeding. This matter will be discussed further at a future meeting. 	All Ron. All
16.	Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 2 October 2019 at 7:30pm.	-
Date: 5/9/19		